

A SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER
First Week After Epiphany
January 13, 1987

Prayer

God of grace and God of glory Inspire our hearts and
minds; and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

Organ Prelude (a time for silence and meditation)

*Call to Worship

L: The Lord is the everlasting God; God created all the world.
P: GOD NEVER GROWS TIRED OR WEARY. NO ONE UNDERSTANDS GOD'S THOUGHTS.
L: God strengthens those who are weak and tired.
P: THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD WILL FIND THEIR STRENGTH RENEWED.

*Hymn No. 27 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who are burdened with the consciousness of our guilt may by your mercy be forgiven, that being cleansed from sin we may be clothed in your righteousness, and worthily rejoice in the joy of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

L: Almighty God has given Jesus Christ to die for us and for Christ's sake forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit we are cleansed and given power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who calls us out of darkness into light.

First Reading from the Daily Office Isaiah 40:25-31

*Hymn "God Is My Strong Salvation"

PSALM 27:1-3
JAMES MONTGOMERY, 1771-1854

WEDLOCK 76.76.D.
The Sacred Harp, 1844
Harm. by A. C. L.

Unison



1. God is my strong sal - va - tion What foe have I to fear?
2. Place on the Lord re - li - ance, My soul, with cour - age wait,



In dark - ness and temp ta - tion, My light, my help, is near
God's truth be thine af - fi - ance, When faint and des - o - late.



Though hosts en - camp a - round me, Firm in the fight I stand,
God's might thy heart shall strength - en, God's love thy joy in crease;



What ter - ror can con - found me, With God at my right hand?
Mer - cy thy days shall length - en, The Lord will give thee peace. A men.

Sermon

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 152 "Forth in Thy Name"

*Dismissal

L: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent, and believe in the gospel."

P: THE TIME IS FULFILLED! WE REPENT; WE BELIEVE.

L: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with us always.

P: AMEN.

*The Sharing of Christ's Peace

Organ Postlude

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